SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5313**

			4	8	6	5		
		5		3		1		
9	3		1		2		7	6
3	4		8	7		9		
1	2							
					3			
	9					8		4
				2	1			
	1				8			9

TRICKY **B5313**

			9	6				1
		6	2			7		
	1		3			9		
	9	7		2	8		3	
2	4			1				7
	3		8					
		4						
	8	2		7			6	

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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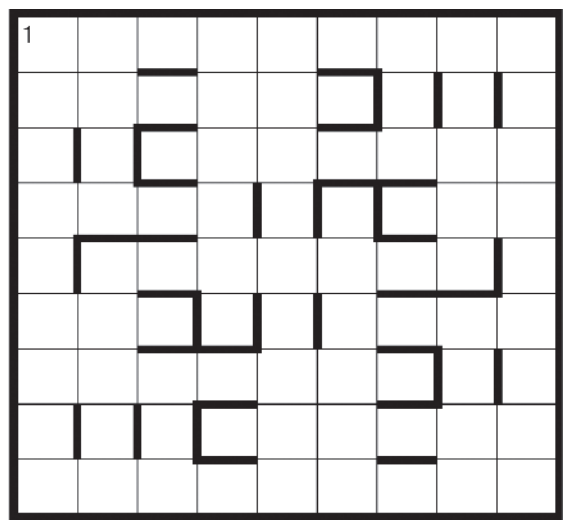
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

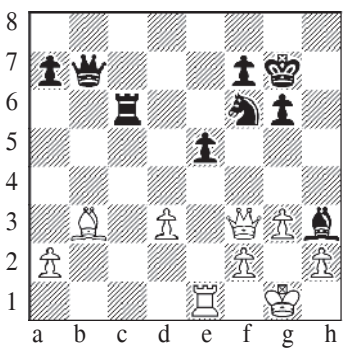
1 Shrinks (9)
Musical performance (7)
Superlative of good (4)
Mineral (3)
Reply (6)
All together (6)
Furiously (7)
Belonging to us (3)
Planning out (9)
Wooded valley (4)
Evident (7)



DOWN

1 Very thick paper (9)
Sever (3)
Just a single time (4)
Supernatural creature (6)
Unit of weight (5)
Accepting (9)
Shortly (4)
Insect leg (anag.) (9)
Fossil fuel (3)
A dozen (6)
Rips (5)

CHESS



BLACK FORCES MATE

HINT: IF NOT ONE, THE OTHER.

Solution:
1. ... Rc1! if 2. Qxb7, ...
Rxe1 mate. If 2. Rxc1, ... Qxf3 (threatens ... Qg2 mate).

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 18;

Very good 27;

Excellent 36 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

MANICALLY

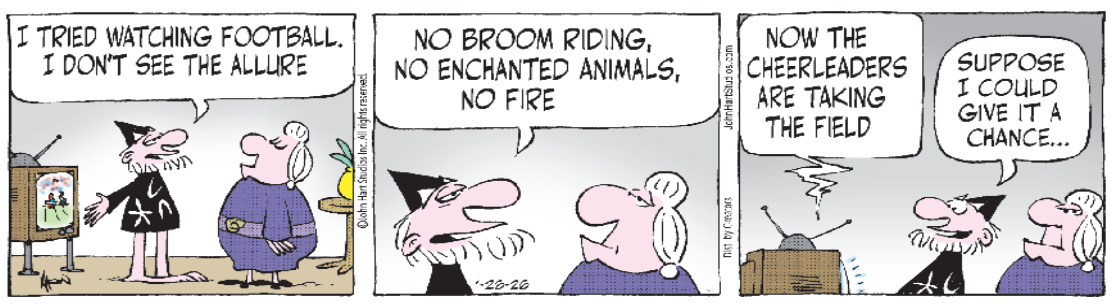
anima, animal, caiman, calm, calmly, cayman, claim, clam, cyma, lama, lamina, layman, lima, limy, llama, mail, main, mainly, malic, mall, mania, maniac, manic, MANICALLY, manila, manilla, manly, many, mica, mill, mina, myna

THE METRO FUNNIES

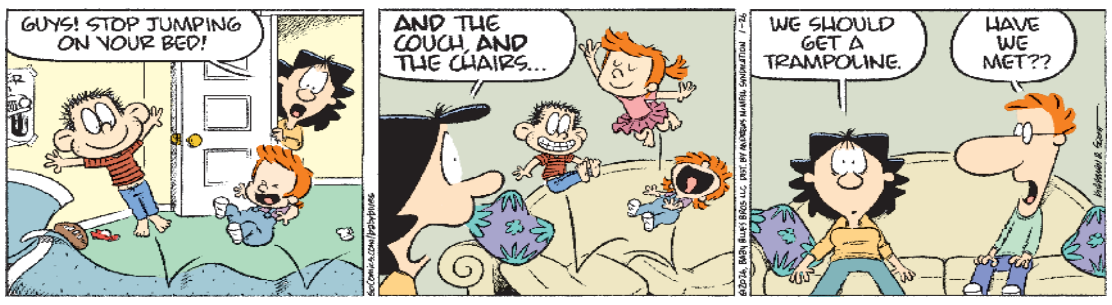
BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

WANNA STUDY FOR THE TEST TOGETHER AFTER SCHOOL?
NOT IF YOU'RE GONNA BE ON YOUR PHONE THE WHOLE TIME.
YOU'RE ALWAYS LOOKING AT JUNK ONLINE WHILE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING!
JUNK? WHAT JUNK?
BING!
"THE SHOCKING TRUTH BEHIND REESE WITHERSPOON'S ON-SET FREAKOUT"!
THAT JUNK.
Visit bignate.com

THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART


I TRIED WATCHING FOOTBALL. I DON'T SEE THE ALLURE
NO BROOM RIDING, NO ENCHANTED ANIMALS, NO FIRE
NOW THE CHEERLEADERS ARE TAKING THE FIELD
SUPPOSE I COULD GIVE IT A CHANCE...

BABY BLUES



WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	06:07pm	05:35pm	06:12pm	05:33pm	05:40pm	06:08pm
Sunrise	07:11am	07:05am	07:15am	06:57am	07:12am	07:21am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow				Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook		Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	10	17	Cloudy	62	6	17	Cloudy		7	16	Mostly Sunny
Hyderabad	10	21	Cloudy	34	7	23	Sunny		9	24	Partly Cloudy
Islamabad	9	17	Cloudy	55	6	17	Light Rain		7	17	Mostly Sunny
Lahore	7	16	Cloudy	57	7	15	Cloudy		7	18	Mostly Sunny
Multan	9	17	Cloudy	52	6	18	Partly Cloudy		7	19	Sunny
Peshawar	7	17	Overcast	44	5	13	AM Showers		6	17	Mostly Sunny
Quetta	0	3	Snow	45	-4	3	Snow Showers		-1	8	Snow Showers

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD
VARSITY

(VARSITY: VAHR-sih-tee: The principal squad representing a school, especially in a sport.)

Average mark 14 words
Time limit 25 minutes

Can you find 20 or more words in VARSITY?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — LIGNEOUS

legion	long	genus	onus	snug
lenis	lose	glen	using	soigne
lens	losing	glue	sign	soil
lesion	lounge	goes	silo	sole
lien	louse	gone	sine	soling
lieu	lues	guile	sing	sone
line	luge	guise	singe	song
ling	lune	noel	single	soul
lingo	lung	noes	sling	suing
lion	lunge	noise	sloe	sung
loge	ingle	nose	slog	
login	insole	egis	slue	
loin	isle	elusion	slug	
lone	genius	ogle	slung	

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

1 Gradually
7 Legend
9 Abel
10 Divan
12 Bits
13 Copyright
14 Onus
16 Maori
18 Etui
19 Unpack
20 Horseshoe.

DOWN

1 Glaucoma
2 Aged
3 Delays
4 Underline
5 Lav
6 Loathe
8 On strike
11 Monaco
12 Biceps
15 Utah
17 Oar.

METRO EVENTS

PLAY

Ye Kaisa Dor Hai, written and directed by Zakir Mastana, is staged as part of the Awami Theatre Festival, at Auditorium II, Arts Council, at 8pm.

CULTURE SHOW

Saqafat Kay Rung, a show is organised by the Office of Student Affairs, at the Football Ground, Main Campus, IBA Karachi, at 4pm.

EXHIBITION

When Heritage Echoed, an exhibition of artworks by Ustaad Rustam Khan, is underway at Art Scene Gallery. The show will conclude today.

MUSIC

'Listening Room', featuring DJ rk, is organised at Kitab Ghar, PECHS, at 6pm.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

**** You might be able to boost your income today or find a better paying job. It looks like something, in a financial way, will favor you. However, you might be slightly at odds with a friend or a member of a group about a particular issue. Tread carefully. Mucho confusion. Tonight: Check your money and possessions.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

**** Today is a mixed bag. Even though you might have difficulty dealing with an authority figure, on the whole, this is a wonderful day to deal with most people. You feel friendly and congenial. You're also concerned for the welfare of others. It's a great day for group activities. Tonight: You're in charge.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

*** Although you could be at odds with someone, especially about political or religious views, privately, you feel fine. In fact, you might be pleased with how things are turning out with your finances or something that you own. You're proud of your achievements. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

*** This is a great day to schmooze with friends and interact with groups and organizations. People will respond favorably to you. And you're happy to see them. Having said this, you might be at odds with someone about shared possessions or a financial arrangement. Tonight: Be friendly.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

**** You're high-viz today! In fact, some people know personal details about your private life. (Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control.) Meanwhile, your dealings with groups and organizations are positive and you are admired. (We like.) Tonight: You're admired!

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

**** You will be interested in different people today, especially people from other backgrounds or foreign countries. You will also enjoy travel if you have a chance to do this. If you're working with someone today, you might feel protective about them and concerned for their welfare. Tonight: Explore!

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** Because of a genuine concern for others today, you might be able to benefit someone either directly in a financial or practical way, or by using your influence. You might even use your influence with a third party. Mostly, this is a playful, fun-loving day! Enjoy kids' activities and fun outings. Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

*** Be prepared to go more than halfway when dealing with others today because the Moon is opposite your sign. Having said that, all your relations with others will probably be pleasant, warm and congenial. Enjoy entertaining at home and tweaking your digs. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

*** You will get the most done by working with others or coordinating your efforts with a group, because people will help you today. It's a great day to ask for further support, an increased budget, more equipment -- whatever you need. (You might not get it, but the odds are in your favor.) Tonight: Get organized.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

**** You might spend money on fun outings, sports events, playful times with kids and romantic rendezvous today. You're in the mood to have fun, and you're willing to part with a little money to do so. A close friend, spouse or partner will be along for the ride! Tonight: Socialize!

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

*** If you have a chance to relax at home today, this will please you. Nevertheless, you might get involved with a friend or a group, perhaps congregating at your home. Whatever the case, you're in a friendly mood and ready to schmooze. "Bring beer!" Tonight: Relax.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

**** This is a quiet, feel-good day. You're happy to retire and enjoy your privacy, or you will be just as happy to chat and socialize. The arts, sports and fun activities with kids will appeal to you. Choose your own adventure. Tonight: Discussions.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A J 2
♥ 10 6
♦ A Q J 3 2
♣ Q 10 3

WEST
♠ 10 7 6 4
♥ K J 2
♦ 10 6
♣ K 9 6 5

EAST
♠ --
♥ 8 3
♦ K 8 7 5 4
♣ A J 8 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 9 8 5 3
♥ A Q 9 7 5 4
♦ 9
♣ --

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 ♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdble
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠
Dble	Redble	All Pass	

Opening lead -- ten of diamonds.

Nearly all the attention to the U.S. victory over Italy in the 2003 world championship was focused on the last two deals, which saw the U.S. overcome a 21-IMP deficit to win by 1 IMP.

But another deal that made a critical difference in the outcome occurred earlier in the 128-board match. Italy's Norberto Bocchi and Giorgio Duboin held the North-South cards in the auction shown. North's two-club response was artificial, after which a series of relay bids ended with North-South in six spades redoubled.

Bob Hamman, West, led a diamond, the suit his partner had doubled. Duboin put up dummy's ace, led a heart to the ace and played a second heart, planning to ruff a third round of hearts in dummy, if necessary, and so make the slam.

Hamman won the heart with the jack and, knowing what Duboin did not know -- that the trumps were divided 4-0 -- cleverly continued with the king of hearts. Duboin ruffed with dummy's jack to forestall a potential overruff by East and then cashed the ace, discovering that he now had to lose a trick to Hamman's ten for down one.

Had Duboin cashed the ace or jack of spades before starting to play the hearts, he would have uncovered the trump situation and then easily made the slam.

At the other table, the U.S. North-South pair stopped in four spades, making five, to give the U.S. a pickup of 12 IMPs. Had Duboin played a high trump from dummy at trick two, however, Italy would have gained 15 IMPs on the deal and won the world title by 26.

Tomorrow: Abnormal procedure.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5312

6	9	8	4	1	3	5	2	7
2	3	5	7	9	8	4	1	6
4	7	1	6	2	5	9	3	8
5	2	9	8	7	6	3	4	1
1	8	4	3	5	2	6	7	9
7	6	3	1	4	9	2	8	5
9	5	7	2	8	4	1	6	3
8	4	6	5	3	1	7	9	2
3	1	2	9	6	7	8	5	4

Tricky — B5312

2	1	5	6	8	3	9	4	7
3	6	4	7	1	9	5	2	8
9	8	7	2	4	5	1	6	3
6	5	9	8	7	4	3	1	2
1	3	2	9	5	6	8	7	4
4	7	8	1	3	2	6	9	5
8	2	3	4	6	1	7	5	9
5	4	6	3	9	7	2	8	1
7	9	1	5	2	8	4	3	6